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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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PATENT

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed September 29, 2006 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.